

This is from a document from 2005 entitled “Profile of the Homeless in DuPage County . . .”

Currently PADS indicates that about 8-10 persons a year are being paroled and sent to PADS for night time shelter. Corrections contacts PADS, usually the day of release. PADS holds a bed for the parolee up to 9 PM of the day the parolee is released. Corrections staff release the person and provides transportation to a central drop off site (for DuPage County it is in Chicago). The parolee is provided \$25.00 in transportation funds, 2 weeks of required medication and a prescription for 2 more weeks, and a map with directions to the PADS site. It is up to the parolee to find a way to the shelter. Parolees are either provided a State ID card, or if they do not have the required documentation to support a state ID card, (Birth Certificate, Social Security card etc.) the prison provides the parolee with paperwork with a photo, Social Security number and other identifying data. The parolee uses the PADS main office address in order to meet with the parole officer. PADS provides night time shelter until the person finds a job and an apartment or is transferred to another jurisdiction. **During the day the parolee has to find a place to stay until a PADS shelter opens the next night. According to PADS staff, the county jail also releases individuals into homelessness. This has occurred about 30 times in the past year.** The first contact PADS has with the person is when he shows at a night time shelter and requests assistance with obtaining transportation money and obtaining identification so he can return to the area where his family or friends reside. Other times the person is a DuPage County resident who does not have family or friends willing to assist.